

Board of Public Education and Office of Public Instruction

Chapter 55 Standards of Accreditation Joint Task Force

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Vision/Mission

The Montana Constitution created and empowered the **Board of Public Education** (BPE) to supervise, serve, maintain, and strengthen Montana's system of free quality public elementary and secondary schools. The board exists to promote high academic achievement for all Montana students.

The **Office of Public Instruction** (OPI) provides vision, support and leadership for schools and communities to ensure that all students meet today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities.

Guiding Principle

Standards of Accreditation serve the learning needs of all present and future Montana PK-12 students providing innovation, flexibility and ensuring quality education.

Purpose

To review and revise Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 10.55 Standards of Accreditation to align standards with current innovative practice providing flexibility and ensuring quality education and accountability.

Charge

The Chapter **55** Joint Task Force shall provide to the Superintendent and the BPE recommendations for amendments to ARM **10.55**. Recommended amendments to ARM will comply with MAPA rules for public hearing.

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